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SUBJECT: MAB MEDITERRANEAN FOREST MEETING, POTENZA,
ITALY, 27-31 OCTOBER 1975

1. DI CASTRI AND LOOPE AT UNESCO MAB SECRETARIAT
REPLIED TO REFTEL QUERY THAT UNESCO PREPARED TO COVER
TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ONE US EXPERT FOR SUBJECT MEETING.

2. HOWEVER, LOOPE (US NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXPERT
SECONDED TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT) EXPRESSED OPINION THAT
MEETING OF RELATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST TO U.S. AND THAT
TEMPERATE FOREST MEETING IN 1976 WOULD BE A MORE
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR BIANCHI TO DEVELOP CHILEAN
PARTICIPATION. FYI BIANCHI'S NAME RANG NO BELLS WITH
EITHER DI CASTRI OR LOOPE.

3. LOOPE ADVISED PERMDEL THAT: A) POTENZA MEETING WILL
FOCUS ON BIOSPHERE RESERVE ESTABLISHMENT AND ASSOCIATED
RESEARCH IN COUNTRIES BORDERING NORTHERN MEDITERRANEAN
COAST AND DOES NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE OTHER WORLD AREAS OF
GENERAL "MEDITERRANEAN" CLIMATE OR VEGETATION; B) THE
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FUNCTIONING IN THESE COUNTRIES; AND C) MEETING WILL BE

CONDUCTED ENTIRELY IN FRENCH WITHOUT TRANSLATION
FACILITIES SO THAT NON-FRANCOPHONE U.S. PARTICIPANT MIGHT
HAVE DIFFICULTY IN EITHER CONTRIBUTING OR DERIVING
BENEFIT FROM MEETING.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO RELAY ABOVE TO TOM GILBERT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SCIENTIST, US NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
(TEL. 523-5U5L) TO HAVE BENEFIT HIS EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF
VARIOUS UNESCO MAB ACTIVITIES.

5. IN SUM, LOOPE STRESSED THAT US EXPERT WELCOME BUT
RAISED QUESTION OF DIRECT INTEREST AND ESPECIALLY
BENEFITS FOR US AT THIS MEETING.
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